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SUBJECT: RUDOLF HESS: APPEAL BY FRG PRESIDENT SCHEEL

REF: STATE 170742

1. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS SIGNED REPLY DATED AUGUST 12 TO
LETTER FROM FRG PRESIDENT SCHEEL (REFTEL). TEXT OF REPLY
IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I SHARE
YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT OF RUDOLF
HESS. FOR MANY YEARS THE UNITED STATES HAS, FOR HUMANI-
TARIAN REASONS, SUPPORTED HIS IMMEDIATE RELEASE. HOWEVER,
HE IS IMPRISONED UNDER THE TERMS OF FOUR-POWER AGREEMENTS,
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AND HIS RELEASE WOULD REQUIRE THE CONSENT OF THE SOVIET
UNION. IN SPITE OF THE NUMEROUS DEMARCHES WHICH THE
FRENCH, BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS YOUR
OWN GOVERNMENT, HAVE MADE TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE, THE
SOVIET UNION CONTINUES TO OPPOSE ANY STEP OF THIS NATURE.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RAISED THIS

MATTER AT A HIGH LEVEL WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT SHORTLY
AFTER I TOOK OFFICE EARLIER THIS YEAR. I CAN ASSURE YOU
THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO
SECURE SOVIET AGREEMENT TO THE RELEASE OF MR. HESS AND, IN
THE MEANTIME, WILL TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE
THAT THE CONDITIONS OF HIS IMPRISONMENT ARE ALLEVIATED TO
THE GREATEST DEGREE POSSIBLE. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.
END TEXT

2. ORIGINAL HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO FRG EMBASSY UNDER
COVER OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED AUGUST 31. CHRISTOPHER

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